

14 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. CHARLES BATES  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: Possible Atomic Attack on United States by  
Soviet Union December 25, 1951

Reference: Federal Bureau of Investigation Memorandum  
dated November 28, 1951, Subject as Above

1. The following comments are made on reference memorandum:

a. The figure of 50 atomic bombs for Soviet production in 1951 is not inconsistent with this Agency's Office of Scientific Intelligence Estimate. This figure was given wide currency, however, as early as December 1950 in the Alsop column. The informant's relation of this figure to the number of capitals in the United States appears to be an association by chance.

b. The alleged Soviet knowledge of civilian control of the AEC should be taken for granted in view of the wide publicity given to the issue of civilian control in the U. S. press.

c. We know nothing of the infiltration of Communists into AEC sites, since such activity is not a responsibility of this Agency.

2. We shall endeavor to identify and interview the informant, and will, of course, advise you of any results obtained.

SIGNED:

O/DCI: [redacted] /dr

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MEMORANDUM TO: The Director

On 28 November 1951, the FBI distributed a report to the effect

that atomic bombs would probably be dropped on the capital cities of the United States on Christman Day 1951. OCI's evaluation of this report is attached, together with a copy of the original report.

  
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8 December 1951

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